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## WAR WAS NARROWLY AVERTED NOT SO LONG AGO

Public Is Just Beginning to  
Find Out How Very Near  
England, Germany and  
France Came to Hostilities.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.—Dispatches from abroad are beginning to open the eyes of the public to the fact that France, England and Germany nearly came to blows a short time ago. The crisis was but a few weeks back, and for several nights, English ships prepared for torpedo attack, and Germany had a trap prepared and ready to be sprung for another campaign through France. The last dispatch is made in La Patrie.

According to the articles printed in La Patrie, Germany had, all prepared, a trap whereby the entire eastern frontier of France was to have been surrounded by a midland and southern, England's north sea fleet at one time cleared decks for action and set out torpedo nets to protect the ships from German attacks, while it is certain that France was ready for instant hostilities, no details, however insignificant, being left to chance.

Farsighted Frenchmen do not believe the signing of the so-called "agreement" had settled the trouble. It has only postponed it. Emile Mascard, one of the ablest writers on political subjects, in France, says: "It is certain that the relations (since the accord) between the two peoples remain the same; their points of view have not changed. The situation of the Reichstag shows how the Germans hate us and what the future holds in store once the crown prince mounts the throne."

"Well? you ask. Well, just this: That we had better keep our powder dry and maintain a sharp lookout lest the explosion come before we expect it, catching us unawares!"

Capt. Pierre Pells, in an expose of the situation following the signing of the "agreement," arrives at this conclusion: "There must be disarmament or war; and since disarmament (in the words of the able ex-prime minister of France, Georges Clemenceau) is 'only a beautiful dream,' it is not extremely difficult to see what must happen."

Germany's plans to take every French stronghold and every city in the eastern part of the country were most ingenious, according to "La Patrie's" articles. August 15, it is said, the Germans had parked, in German frontier towns and cities, hundreds of motor cars, a rapid fire gun in each. Every car had its chauffeur, an enlisted man who, in civilian clothes, had explored every highway and byway in Eastern France. From eight to twelve men could be transported at fifty miles an hour in each machine. At Mainz (Germany) there were 800 cars; at Metz, 550; at Strasbourg, 600, and so on, and the squads for each held themselves ready to go at a second's notice. Within one hour after the word had been passed, twenty-eight thousand and reckoned soldiers were to have been at preconcerted strategic points well inside French territory, and for each hour between that time and day-break another twenty-eight thousand men would have been added to the first.

The motor car section stationed at Elzen was to take Nancy; the tank, heavy section would take Lunenburg; Mainz was charged with the capture of Sedan.

Nancy swarmed with German officers in civilian clothes during the entire period of the Franco-German "conversations." A census of all persons owning motor cars in Nancy was

compiled; their cars would have been requisitioned in case of an invasion. Daily 100 was kept on almost every quart of gasoline entering the city and on the stocks at the various dealers. At Nancy the officers of the garrison, which is one of the biggest in France, are permitted to sleep at private quarters. The Germans planned to send a squad of men to the residence of each and capture them all in their sleep.

Naturally the articles mentioned are not official. They are in the shape of communications made by Carl Mechtel, and perhaps even this is a new deplume. He seems to be a German bred in France and with French sympathies, and says he was hired as chauffeur by a German officer.

## CHURCH CHOIRS ARE BUSY WITH FINAL REHEARSALS

Unusually Elaborate Program  
to Be Feature of Services in  
Nearly All Houses of Wor-  
ship Christmas.

It isn't any joke being a member of a church choir at the present time, especially if you happen to be so fortunate, or unfortunate as to be a gifted soloist. For choir rehearsals for special Christmas programs, which have been under way in some cases for weeks, are being pursued with a vengeance this week. Daily rehearsals are being held in most churches, the soloists rehearsing privately also in their own homes and studios. The Christmas programs, however, will be unusually elaborate this year in nearly all the churches and will show forth the talents of the soloists and chorus workers, and be a splendid treat for the worshippers.

## MILITARY AIDE IS SENT TO ISLANDS

Washington, Dec. 16.—Washington society was stirred today by the announcement that Captain Johnson, U. S. A., military aide to President Taft, has suddenly been detached from duty at the white house and ordered to the Philippines. He has been with the president two years.

Not long ago the report that Captain Johnson was engaged to Miss Helen Taft, daughter of the president, was published and then denied at the white house. Society had become convinced the clever young soldier would capture the white house debutante.

It is the rule in Washington society that when Miss Taft is invited to a dinner or dance some white house aide is chosen as her escort. At the beginning of the season last year Captain Johnson's name appeared on many dinner lists as Miss Taft's companion, but toward the end of the season it was conspicuous by its absence.

Lieutenant Grenville Porteus, cousin of ex-President Roosevelt, and constant companion of Miss Helen Taft, to whom he had been reported engaged, was transferred suddenly from his white house post and did not return to Washington until after Alice Roosevelt had become Mrs. Nicholas Longworth.

Captain Johnson is 23 years old and was appointed to the army from Georgia in 1899 as a second lieutenant in the Fifteenth Infantry. Miss Taft is 20 years old.

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